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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS; FOR AMBASSADOR AND PAO; USIA, WASHDC (IAA/LYLE)

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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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1. DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT EAGLEBURGER WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY AS PRESS SPOKESMAN DUE TO ILLNESS PRESS SPOKESMAN FUNSETH. TO INSURE SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT PRESS SUPPORT OPERATION AT POSTS, FSIO JOHN H. TRATTNER AND FSO ROBERT HOLLIDAY, ACTING AS SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO EAGLEBURGER WILL TRAVEL TO DAR, LUSAKA AND PRETORIA IN ADVANCE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SUPERVISE PREPARATIONS AND ASSIST EAGLEBURGER DURING VISIT ITSELF. BOTH SHOULD HAVE ACCESS
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TO CABLE TRAFFIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT INCLUDING USE

OF TELEPHONE AND CABLE FACILITIES. THEY WILL WISH TO CONSULT WITH PAO ON ARRIVAL. TRATTNER WILL COVER DAR AND PRETORIA; HOLLIDAY, LUSAKA. DETAILS OF THEIR TRAVEL BY SEPTTEL.

2. FOR KINSHASA, ABIDJAN AND NAIROBI: THIS AND SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS FYI ONLY AT THIS POINT, BUT POSTS SHOULD MAKE CONTINGENCY PLANS. SHOULD VISIT BY SECRETARY SUBSEQUENTLY BE SCHEDULED, INSTRUCTIONS AND TRAVEL INFO FOR HOLLIDAY AND/OR TRATTNER WILL FOLLOW.

3. IN SUPPORT AND ELABORATION OF REFTTEL A, POST RESPONSIBILITIES THEREIN ARE RE-EMPHASIZED. EFFECTIVE, WELL-ORGANIZED SUPPORT IS IMPERATIVE, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

-- TRANSCRIPTS OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS (PARA 1, REFTTEL A): POSTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE FOR QUICKEST POSSIBLE RPT QUICKEST POSSIBLE TRANSCRIPTION AND TRANSMISSION BY TELEGRAM OF ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY DURING VISIT -- ARRIVAL STATEMENTS, NEWS CONFERENCES, READ-OUTS AFTER MEETINGS WITH HOST GOVT OFFICIALS, ETC. THIS WILL REQUIRE PROPERLY FUNCTIONING RECORDING EQUIPMENT AND MICROPHONE ARRANGEMENTS SUFFICIENT TO PICK UP QUESTIONS AS WELL AS SECRETARY'S ANSWERS. IT WILL REQUIRE SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF FAST AND ACCURATE TYPISTS UNDISTURBED BY OTHER TASKS AND IMMEDIATE RPT IMMEDIATE FORWARDING OF TEXT BY TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY'S PARTY WHEREVER IT MAY BE, AND TO ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS.

-- IN ADDITION TO CONNECTING DOUBLE ROOMS AND FACILITIES SPECIFIED IN PARA 6, REFTTEL A WHICH WOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR USE OF SPOKESMAN AND TRAVELING PRESS, POSTS SHOULD SET UP IN PRESS HOTEL BRIEFING ROOM ADEQUATE TO ACCOMMODATE BRIEFING BY SPOKESMAN FOR PRESS IN GENERAL OR SECRETARIAL NEWS CONFERENCE. THIS ROOM SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO ACCOMMODATE SIZE OF PRESS CORPS POST ESTIMATES WOULD ATTEND SUCH AN EVENT. IT SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN ADDITION TO MICROPHONE FACILITIES LINKED TO TAPE RECORDER FOR TRANSCRIPT PURPOSES.
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-- CREDIT CARD USE (PARA 7, REFTTEL A): IF USE OF CREDIT CARDS BY TRAVELING PRESS FOR FILING PURPOSES IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR EXAMPLE, BECAUSE TELEX IS OPERATED OR CONTROLLED BY HOST GOVT WHICH WILL NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS -- POSTS SHOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF PERMITTING CORRESPONDENTS TO CHARGE TELEX COSTS TO EMBASSY. EMBASSY WOULD THEN PAY BILL AND SUBSEQUENTLY BILL CORRESPONDENTS' HOME OFFICES IN U.S.

THROUGH DEPARTMENT. THIS WOULD SAVE LARGE OUTLAYS OF CASH BY TRAVELING PRESS. IN ANY CASE, POSTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR CORRESPONDENTS AS BACK-UP IN CASE TELEX ARRANGEMENTS FAIL.

-- TELEX FACILITIES (REFTEL B): REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE FACILITIES ARE RE-EMPHASIZED. IN ADDITION, SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF TELEX OPERATORS SHOULD BE ON HAND SO THAT COPY IS NOT DELAYED.

-- MOTORCADES (PARA 4, REFTEL A): NO LESS THAN FIVE CARS (OR THREE STRETCH LIMOUSINES, IF AVAILABLE) MUST BE AVAILABLE TO TRANSPORT PRESS TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY IN MOTORCADE. MINIBUS CAN BE SUBSTITUTED IF CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING SAME SPEED AS SECRETARY'S CAR. DRIVERS MUST BE FULLY INSTRUCTED AND USIS STAFFER SHOULD ACCOMPANY PRESS VEHICLES.

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